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# Extensions of country programmes
## Note of the Administrator

*Summary*

The present note contains information on the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Azerbaijan, Chile, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Serbia, Somalia, and Zimbabwe; the first two-year extensions of the country programme for Barbados and Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, Mozambique, and the Philippines; and the second one-year extension of the country programme for the Turks and Caicos Islands. The requests for second or third one-year extensions of country programmes, as well as two-year extensions, are submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

*Elements of a decision*

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the first extension of the country programmes for Azerbaijan, Chile, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Serbia, Somalia, and Zimbabwe, for a period of one year, from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010, as reported in table 1.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the second one-year extension of the country programme for the Turks and Caicos Islands, from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010; and the first two-year extension of the country programmes for Barbados and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, Mozambique, and the Philippines, from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2011 as presented in table 2.

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## Annex

### Table 1. Extensions of country programmes approved by the Administrator since January 2009

| Country | Original CCF period | Year(s) proposed for new extension | Reason and explanation | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | United Nations harmonization | In-country political development | Implementation and/or other issues |
| Azerbaijan | 2005-2009 | 2010 | | | The extension brings the UNDAF programme cycle, 2011-2015, into alignment with the state programme for sustainable development and poverty reduction. |
| Chile | 2007-2009 | 2010 | | Following the expectation of the change of Government in early 2010, the extension will allow the new Government to engage with development partners and develop a new programme. | |
| The Islamic Republic of Iran | 2005-2009 | 2010 | | | The government of Iran is preparing its fifth development plan and has requested that the current UNDAF be extended so that it can be consistent with the plan priorities. |
| Serbia | 2005-2009 | 2010 | | | The new Government was formed in late 2008 and so did not have enough time to carry out the extensive consultation with development partners needed to agree upon priorities for the new UNDAF. |
| Somalia | 2008-2009 | 2010 | The United Nations Transition Plan for Somalia was extended until 2010 and it was therefore agreed that the UNDP country programme would be extended to cover the same harmonized period. | | |
| Zimbabwe | 2007-2009 | 2010 | | Following general elections that resulted in a power-sharing among political parties in February 2009, the Government had not enough time to develop priorities and negotiate with development partners. The Government requested extension of the current programme to 2010 to allow for those processes. | |

## Table 2. Exten of country programmes for which Executive Board approval is sought

| Country | Years covered by original CCF | Year(s) covered by extension already approved | Year(s) proposed for new extension | Extension | | Reason and explanation | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 2nd one-year | Two-year | United Nations harmonization | In-country political development | Other |
| Barbados and the OECS | 2005-2009 | - | - | - | 2010-2011 | Barbados and the member states of the OECS have agreed to harmonize the UNDP strategic plan with 11 of 14 United Nations organizations having a presence in the countries. | | |
| Mozambique | 2007-2009 | - | - | - | 2010-2011 | | | The Government of Mozambique has requested an extension of the 2007-2009 UNDAF for two years (until 2011), to align it with the next five-year plan of the Government, which is expected to be approved by 2010. |
| Philippines | 2005-2009 | - | - | - | 2010-2011 | | | The two-year extension of the country programme requested by the Government, will allow the next UNDAF and country programme to be synchronized with the national planning process for the next medium-term Philippine development plan. |
| The Turks and Caicos Islands | 2005-2008 | 2009 | - | 2010 | - | | | The hurricanes in 2008 severely affected the Islands and, as a result, the country is preparing for a development partners' conference, the outcome of which will guide the new development cooperation framework with the United Nations. |

CCF = country cooperation framework
OECS = Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
UNDAF = United Nations Development Assistance Framework